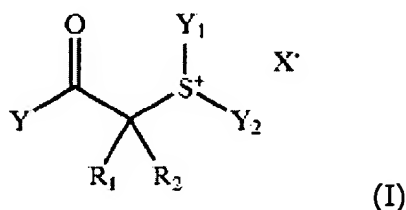


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**1. (currently amended):** A stimulus sensitive composition containing a compound capable of generating an acid or a radical on receipt of an external stimulus, the compound being represented by formula (I):



wherein Y represents ~~a~~an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be taken together to form a ring; Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> each independently represent an alkyl group or an aryl group; Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> may be taken together to form a ring; and X<sup>-</sup> represents a non-nucleophilic anion.

**2. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein Y is a group having an adamantane structure.

**3. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a positive stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation; and

(B) a resin decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

**4. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a fluorine atom in a main chain or a side chain thereof.

**5. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a hexafluoro-2-propanol structure.

**6. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a hydroxystyrene structure.

**7. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a monocyclic or polycyclic alicyclic hydrocarbon structure.

**8. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 7, wherein the resin (B) further has a repeating unit having a lactone structure.

**9. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, further containing: (C) a dissolution inhibitor having a molecular weight of 3000 or less, the dissolution inhibitor decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

**10. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a positive stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation;

(D) a resin soluble in an alkaline developer; and

(C) a dissolution inhibitor having a molecular weight of 3000 or less, the dissolution inhibitor decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

**11. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a negative stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation;

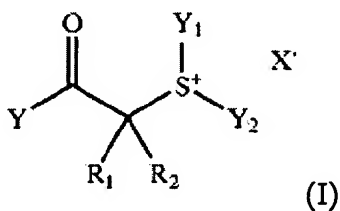
(D) a resin soluble in an alkaline developer; and

(E) a crosslinking agent capable of crosslinking with the resin (D) by an action of an acid.

**12. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing at least one of: (F) a basic compound; and (G) a surface active agent containing at least one of a fluorine atom and a silicon atom.

**13. (original):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 12, wherein the basic compound (F) is: a compound having a structure selected from an imidazole structure, a diazabicyclo structure, an onium hydroxide structure, an onium carboxylate structure, a trialkylamine structure, an aniline structure, and a pyridine structure; an alkylamine derivative having at least one of a hydroxyl group and an ether bond; or an aniline derivative having at least one of a hydroxyl group and an ether bond.

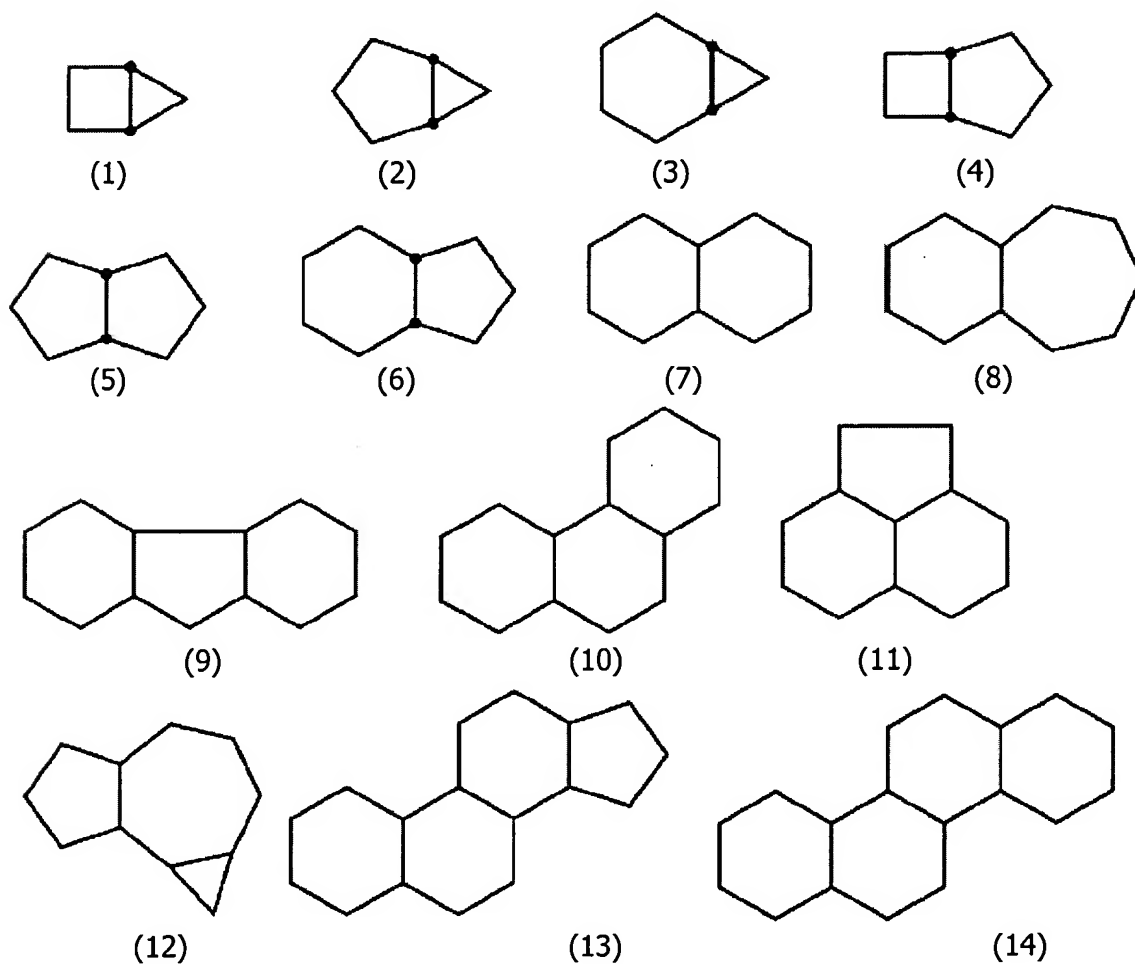
**14. (currently amended):** A compound represented by the following formula (I):

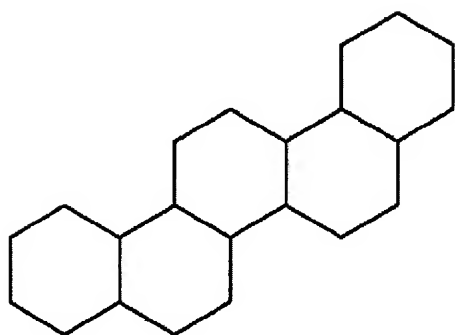


wherein Y represents ~~a~~an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure;  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group;  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  may be taken together to form a ring;  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  each independently represent an alkyl group or an aryl group;  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  may be taken together to form a ring; and  $X^-$  represents a non-nucleophilic anion.

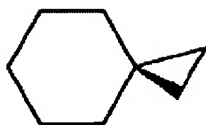
**15. (original):** The compound according to claim 14, wherein Y is a group having an adamantane structure.

**16. (new):** The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein Y represents an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure selected from the group consisting of the following structures (1)-(46):





(15)



(16)



(17)



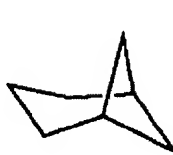
(18)



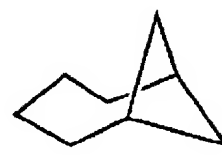
(19)



(20)



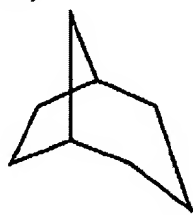
(21)



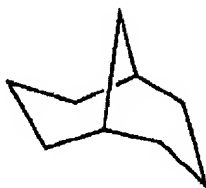
(22)



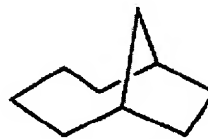
(23)



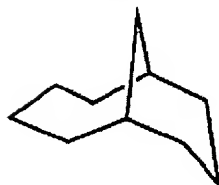
(24)



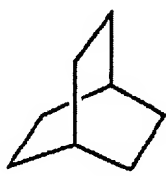
(25)



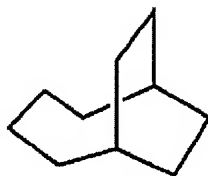
(26)



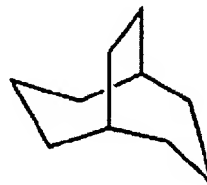
(27)



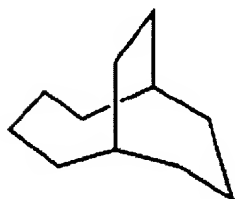
(28)



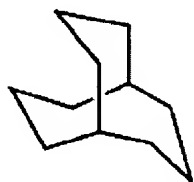
(29)



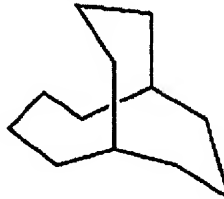
(30)



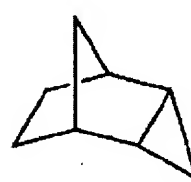
(31)



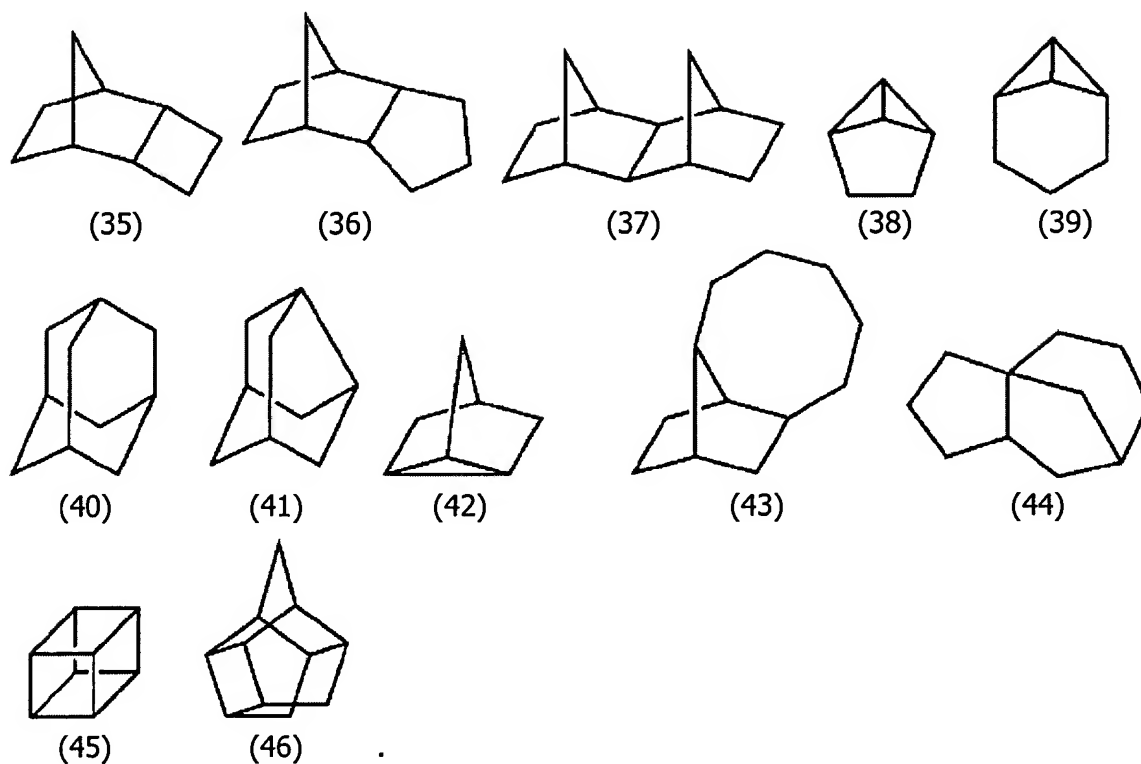
(32)



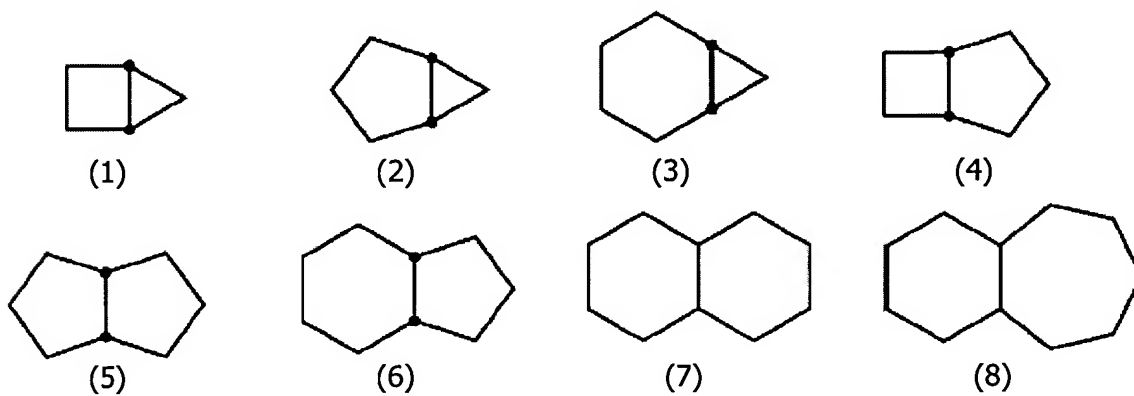
(33)

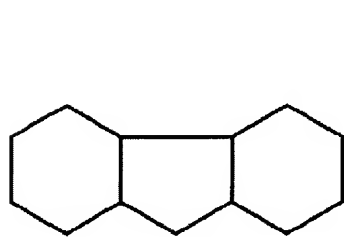


(34)

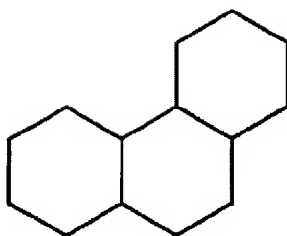


**17. (new):** The compound according to claim 14, wherein Y represents an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure selected from the group consisting of the following structures (1)-(46):

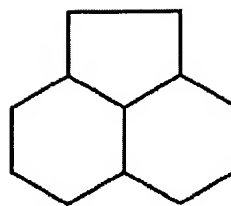




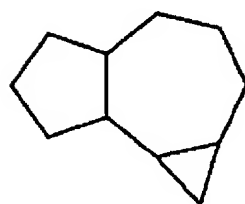
(9)



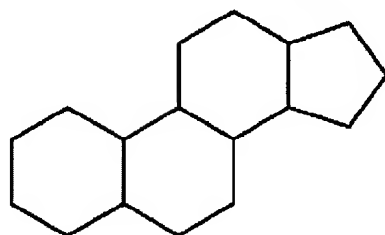
(10)



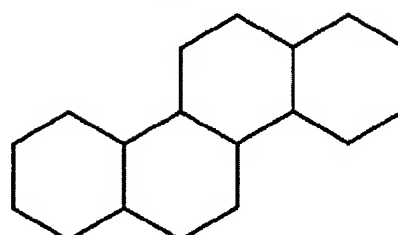
(11)



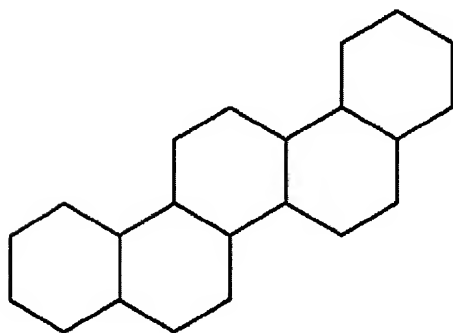
(12)



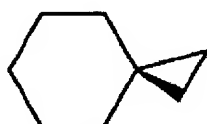
(13)



(14)



(15)



(16)



(17)



(18)



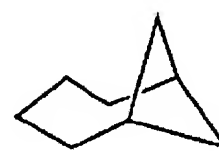
(19)



(20)



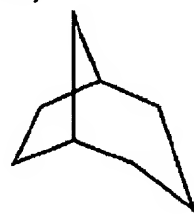
(21)



(22)



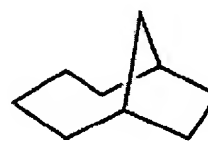
(23)



(24)

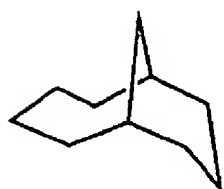


(25)

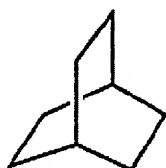


(26)

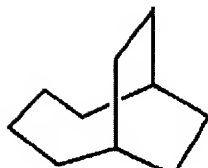




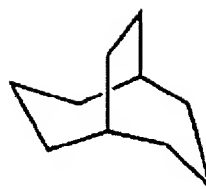
(27)



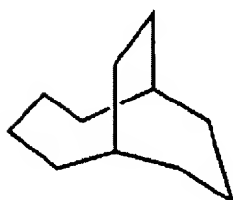
(28)



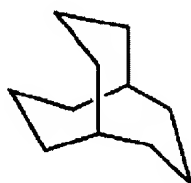
(29)



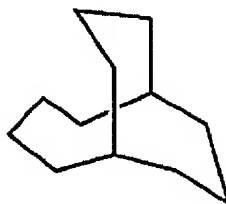
(30)



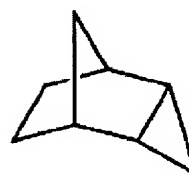
(31)



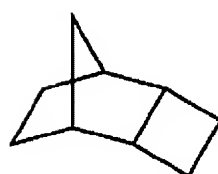
(32)



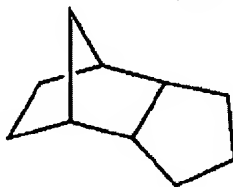
(33)



(34)



(35)



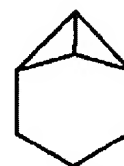
(36)



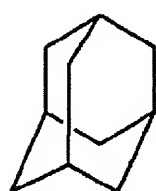
(37)



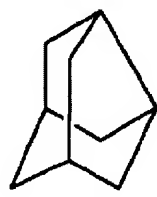
(38)



(39)



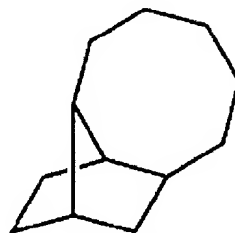
(40)



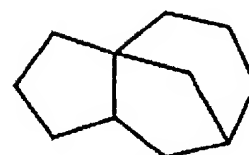
(41)



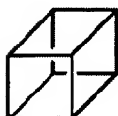
(42)



(43)



(44)



(45)



(46)